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Ex parte JENNIFER L. HILLMAN

Application No. 09/781,117

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on March 15, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

An amendment after final was filed by appellant on February 20, 2003 which cancelled claims 13-20 and amended claims 2 and 4. The Advisory Action mailed March 4, 2003, indicated that such amendment would be entered. In addition, both the Appeal Brief filed May 28, 2003 and the Examiner's Answer mailed August 12, 2003 also indicate that this amendment

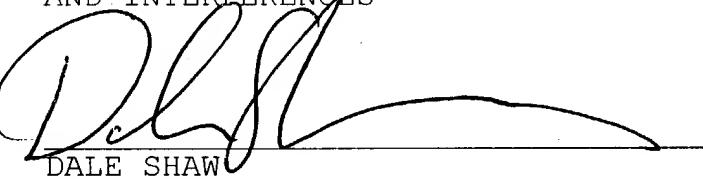
has been entered. However, a review of the record indicates that the amendment has not been physically entered.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is electronically returned to the examiner for physical entry of the amendment filed February 20, 2003 into the record, for written notification to appellant regarding the action taken, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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